

EDISON IN HANDS OF THE SURGEONS

Remove Mastoid Abscess
Near Inventor's Ear.

ACTION IS TAKEN SUDDENLY

Patient Had Long Been Under Treatment for Trouble, But Failed to Respond.

ORANGE, Jan. 24.—A critical surgical operation was performed on Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, at his home, Glenmont, in Lloydlyn Park, a suburb of West Orange, last night. Great secrecy was maintained by the family in regard to the affair, and few details could be obtained.

The operation was for a mastoid abscess behind the ear, and very close to the brain. The operating surgeon was Dr. Arthur B. Duell, of 254 Madison Avenue, Manhattan, who was assisted by the Edison family physician, Dr. John Hammond Bradshaw, of Orange. The anesthetic was administered by an assistant who accompanied Dr. Duell from New York.

Deaf for Years.

Mr. Edison, as is generally known, has been very deaf for many years, and the affliction has been growing worse. He has been suffering considerably for about a week, and the matter of an operation was broached several days ago, but there was strong hope until this afternoon that it might be avoided.

It developed yesterday, however, that, while Mr. Edison was better in many particulars, the growth was not yielding to treatment, and the conclusion was reached that the operation would have to be performed at once.

Prepare for Operation.

Mr. Edison was told, and immediately preparations were made. Dr. Duell arrived in Orange after dinner with his assistant, Mr. Edison seemed perfectly composed, though fully realizing the seriousness of the matter.

The operation was begun at 10:30 o'clock, and it was nearly two hours before it was completed.

Mr. Edison, who is fifty-seven years old, did not go to bed until yesterday afternoon.

ENGINEER GOES INSANE IN CAB OF LOCOMOTIVE

He Fights With Fireman Through
Thirty-Mile Run, While Train
Flies at Terrific Speed.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 24.—Engineer Charles Kull, of the Pan Handle Road, became temporarily insane in the cab of his locomotive, running from Colliers, W. Va. His fireman, Perry McKinley, fought with him through a run of thirty miles, running at fifty miles an hour, before he subdued Kull and got control of the engine.

Kull was brought to the West Pennsylvania Hospital, where he is under guard. Today his sanity will be passed on by experts.

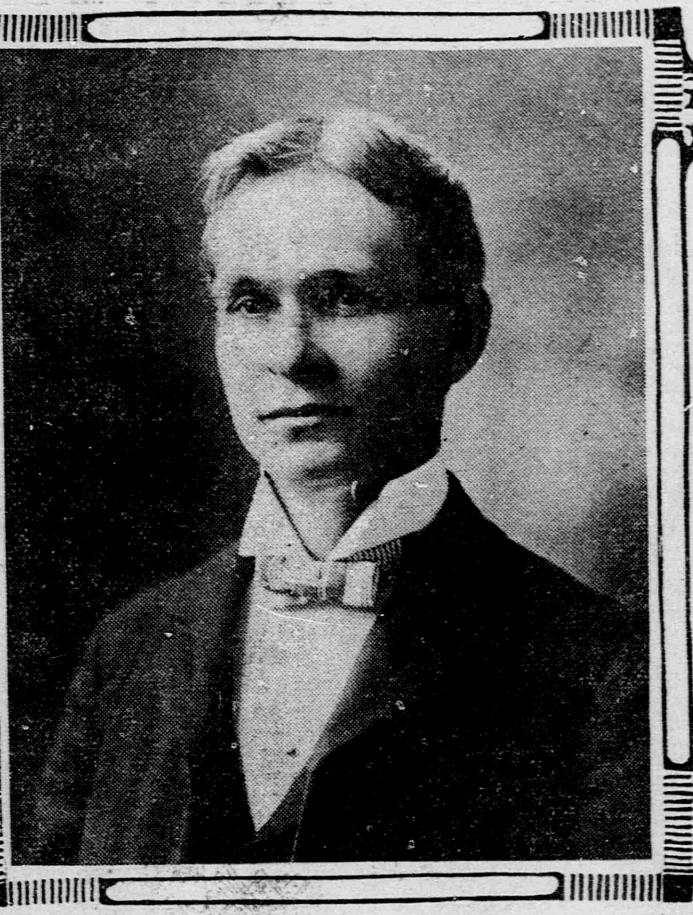
McKinley first became alarmed at the terrific speed Kull put on. He spoke with Kull, who was armed with a wrench, and dared him to come near. McKinley tried to reach the whistle, but Kull drove him back.

Then McKinley dashed into the mad engineer, and overpowered him after a wild run near Carnegie, Pa. Last Saturday, at Colliers, Kull went through a closed switch, and his engine stopped on the edge of an abyss. The shock he sustained then is thought to have unsettled his mind.

GETS PARENT'S FORTUNE.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 24.—Heirs of the late Philip Richards, a wealthy farmer of Bridgeville, who left an estate valued at about \$20,000 to an orphan girl whom he had taken to raise, who have been contesting the will, abandoned the contest, and the girl will get the money.

R. B. BROWN



WITH MR. A. ZETELLE, NOW IN MEXICO.

Both Are Washington Men. For a Time it Was Feared They Had Been
Massacred by Indians.

WASHINGTONIANS SAFE TRAVELING IN MEXICO

Mrs. Zetelle Receives Message From Her Husband, Who
Is at Hermosillo—His Plans Not Disclosed
in Telegram.

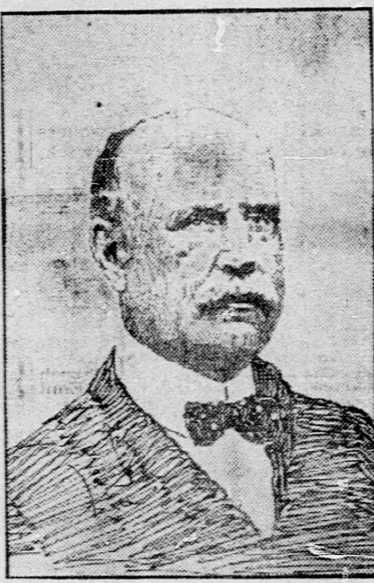
R. B. Brown and A. Zetelle, the Washington men who are now traveling in Mexico through the district where six men were massacred last Thursday, have reached Hermosillo, where it is believed the party will remain until some action is taken against the Indians or until the men are furnished with adequate escort to the mines.

Mrs. Zetelle received a telegram from her husband last night, which said their whereabouts, but contained nothing definite regarding the situation at the mines.

Mr. Zetelle and Mr. Brown have been absent from Washington since January 12, when they left here to go over the works of the Yaqui mines. Mr. Saunty, the Minnesota man, who accompanies the party, is the president of the Yaqui Copper Company, of which ex-Senator Thurston is the vice president, while Mr. Zetelle and Mr. Brown are directors.

It was the purpose of the men to spend two weeks in going over the property, and at the end of that time Mr. Zetelle and Mr. Saunty had planned to return to Washington. Mr. Brown was to be left at the mines to oversee the construction of the smelting plants. It is believed now that when the proper facilities present themselves the entire party will return to this city, to await quiet in that section.

Some time ago the Indians demanded



A. ZETELLE.

all the land along the Yaqui River, and stipulated that all the Mexicans and other settlers should vacate. The Yaqui mines are right along the border of the Yaqui River, and, consequently, right in the heart of the disturbed district.

MULVIHILL SAYS HE IS OVERPAID

Bridgeport's Mayor Asks for
Salary Reduction.

OPPOSES ALL SINECURES

Thinks, However, That City Attorney
and City Auditor Deserve
Better Salaries.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 24.—Denis Mulvihill, Bridgeport's "stoker mayor," who has asked Representative Lee to introduce a bill in the Connecticut Legislature reducing his salary and that of all local mayors to come from \$3,000 to \$2,000 or lower, said:

"It is my contention that we will have just as good mayors at \$1,500 a year as on a salary of \$6,000. The man who seeks the office does not ask his fellow-citizens for their votes that he may enjoy the salary. A mayor should be willing to give his services to the city rather than go into office with the idea that he can save money. Considered from this viewpoint of compensation the salary is far too high.

"There is lots of planning to be done in the office, a man must give much time to it, and he must stand a whole lot of abuse. When you talk of paying a man for the thinking he does, the worry and loss of sleep he undergoes, and the abuse he has to put up with, no salary would be adequate. But those things go with the office. I have all ways opposed raising the salaries of public officers. There should be no sinecures in a city.

"Two offices in Bridgeport are greatly underpaid. The city auditor receives \$1,200 and the city attorney \$1,800. Both those men have to be specially trained in their departments, devote nearly all their time to the city, and for the amount of work they perform the sums they receive are grossly insufficient."

SERIES OF LECTURES FREE TO THE PEOPLE

Will Be Given Thursdays and Fridays
of Each Week for Next
Two Months.

The Board of Education has arranged a series of free lectures to the people and announces that they will be given on Thursdays and Fridays of each week for the next two months.

These lectures are instructive and entertaining, and the general public is cordially invited to attend. Children below sixteen years will not be admitted. Lectures will be held on each Thursday at 8 o'clock p. m. at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 7 L Street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth Streets northwest, and on each Friday at the Eastern High School, Seventh Street, between Pennsylvania Avenue and C Street southeast, and on the same night of each week at the Public Library of Washington, Mount Vernon Square, K Street, between Seventh and Ninth Streets northwest.

The next lecture will be on Thursday evening, January 26, at Shiloh Baptist Church, when John Hitz will talk on "An Evening With the Swiss." For this lecture Mr. Hitz has arranged an interesting program, showing the national costumes and folk songs of the Swiss, and numerous stereoscopic views will be shown.

On Friday evening, January 27, Dr. Howard Hodgkins, of the George Washington University, will deliver a lecture at the Eastern High School on "Light." This lecture will be illustrated by a stereoscopic.

On the same evening at the Public Library of Washington, the Rev. D. W. Skidinger will deliver an interesting talk on "Fetters in the Rockies." At this lecture will be shown on the slides numerous views of the grandeur of the Colorado canyons and the magnificent snow-capped peaks of the Rockies.

SIMON LAKE PLANS OWN EXPATRIATION

Driven Abroad by Govern-
ment Disregard.

HAS OFFERS FROM EUROPE

To Maintain Plant in United States to
Build Boats for South
America.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 24.—Capt. Simon Lake, inventor of the Lake type of submarine boats, and president of the Lake Submarine Torpedo Boat Company, is going to leave this country, take his equipment abroad, and establish a plant in some European country.

He is at his home here completing arrangements for leaving the United States for good.

"It has been the dream of my twenty years of study," said Captain Lake, "to have my boat adopted by my native country, but I have received scant consideration at Washington. I have been denied the tests I ask for my boat.

"I shall leave at once. The markets of Europe are open to me and I have received flattering offers.

"We will continue in this country facilities to enable us to do business, and we might build boats for certain South American nations at a plant here.

"You can deny the report that our company is to prefer charges against Secretary Morton. There is absolutely no truth, either, in the report that we withdrew from the competition.

"I am still an American citizen, and hope to remain one."

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Here are his suggestions:

"It has been said that it is better to be born lucky than rich, but it is, in fact, better to be born tough than either lucky or rich.

"When you have passed fifty, don't retire from business or professional work, but be willing to put on the brakes and be satisfied to do a little less of everything, and do it better.

"Water is the greatest and best eliminator we have struck. Drink pure water.

"By the strict law of nature a man should die as unconscious of his death as of his birth.

"Eat less. Play more. Indulge in less fret and fume and more fruit and fun. Get out into God's great sanitarium, out of doors.

"Many broken down men and women would draw health and earthly virtue from the brown fields if they would take their shoes off and run barefoot in the furrows.

"Those of you who feel that the setting of your system is weak and is served up too tight must bring the rest of the instrument down to a lower key, get out of the orchestra for a while.

"There is nothing so insane and detrimental to mind and health as the conversation of people on their aches and pains and troubles.

"Three great causes of ill health are: Prospection, pessimism, and worry, the latter especially."

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January 11, 1904.

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Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything, but it promptly cures kidney, liver, and bladder troubles, the symptoms of which are—obliged to pass your water frequently night and day, smarting or irritation in passing, brick dust or sediment in the urine, headache, backache, lame back, dizziness, poor digestion, sleeplessness, nervousness, heart disturbance due to bad kidney trouble, skin eruptions from bad blood, neuralgia, rheumatism, diabetes, bloating, irritability, worn-out feeling, lack of ambition, loss of flesh, sallow complexion, or Bright's disease.

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